Nuobi language

Nuobi (autonym: *Lolbiq*;[2] *lu˩pi˧*[3] or *lo˧bi˩* in Jinping County meaning 'downriver'[4]; Chinese: 糯比 *Luobi* (*Lobi*)) is a Loloish language of south-central Yunnan, China.

Nuobi	
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Native to	China
Language family	Sino-Tibetan ▪ (Tibeto-Burman) ▪ Lolo–Burmese ▪ Loloish ▪ Southern ▪ Hani ▪ **Nuobi**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	*None* (mis)
Glottolog	luob1237 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/luob1237)[1]

Distribution

Nuobi is spoken in:

- Xinping Yi and Dai Autonomous County (*Xinping County Almanac* 1993:106, 118)
- Yuanjiang Hani, Yi and Dai Autonomous County (*Yuanjiang County Almanac* 1993:81)
- Jinping Miao, Yao, and Dai Autonomous County (*Jinping County Almanac* 1994:113-132)

Dai (2009)[5] reports that ethnic Hani in Yangjie Township 羊街乡, Yuanjiang County belong to the Nuomei 糯美 and Nuobi 糯比 subgroups, who number 9,000 people and 6,000 people respectively in the township. The Nuomei live mostly in Gedie 戈垤,[6] Dangduo 党舵[7] (which also has Kucong speakers), and Bamu 坝木[8] administrative villages, while the Nuobi reside mostly in Langzhi 朗支[9] (which also has Yi speakers in Zhongliangzi 中梁子[10]), Yangjie 羊街,[11] and Diexia 垤霞[12] (including Yidie 依垤[13] (Dai 2009:113)) villages.

Vocabulary

The following basic vocabulary word list of Nuobi is from the *Xinping County Ethnic Gazetteer* (1992:209-210).

English gloss	Chinese gloss	Nuobi
One	一	tʰiꜜ
Two	二	ɲĩꜛ
Three	三	siꜜ
Four	四	jɻ̱ꜛ
Sky	天	muꜛ
Ground	地	mĩꜞ
Day	日	muꜞtʂɑꜜ
Month	月	baꜛlɑꜛ
Mountain	山	xɑŋꜜtʰɑꜜ
Water	水	ɑꜞkʰa
River	河流	loꜛbaꜛɑꜞkʰaꜛ
Sea	海	baꜜmo̱ꜜ
Fire	火	ɑꜞtsoꜛ
Long	长	mɑ̃ꜛ
Short	短	mũꜛ
Red	红	nɻ̱ꜞ
Black	黑	nɑꜛ
Come, to	来	koꜜlɑiꜛ
Go, to	去	liꜛmɛꜜ
Say, to	说	jeꜛ
Hit, to	打	dzeꜞ
New	新的	xɑŋꜜsəꜛ
True	真的	tseŋꜜsəꜛ
Tell, to	告诉	jeꜜdo̱ꜛ
Soul	灵魂	jiɑꜞɬɑꜞ
Radio	收音机	tʂauꜜjiŋꜜtsiꜜ
Electric light	电灯	tianꜛteŋꜜ

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